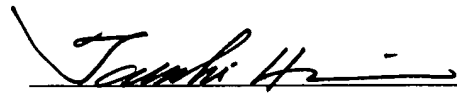


**REMARKS:**

In response to the election/restriction requirement dated December 11, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II, i.e., claims 2, 6, 7, 8 and 10, without traverse. Also, in the above amendment, Applicants have cancelled the non-elected claims:

Respectfully submitted,

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